



INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department) invites the public to comment on proposed waiver amendments to the following Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers: Persons with Brain Injury (BI), Children's Extensive Support (CES), Children's Home and Community-Based Services (CHCBS), Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP), Children with Life-Limiting Illness (CLLI), Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS), Developmental Disabilities (DD), Elderly, Blind, & Disabled (EBD), Persons with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI), and Supported Living Services (SLS).

Information:

The Department intends to submit the amendments to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on April 2, 2021. The Department will request an effective date of July 1, 2021 for the amendments.

The proposed waiver amendments include the following changes:

- Update waivers to reflect new Level of Care Screen (LOC Screen), Assessment, and Person-Centered Support Plan (PCSP) (BI, CES, CHCBS, CHRP, CLLI, CMHS, DD, EBD, SCI, SLS);
- Addition of Telehealth as a Service Delivery Option for specific HCBS waiver services (BI, CES, CHRP, CLLI, CMHS, DD, EBD, SCI, SLS).
- Update Appendix G Participant Safeguards (BI, CES, CHCBS, CHRP, CLLI, CMHS, DD, EBD, SLS, SCI).
- Addition of Relative Provider to the Community Connector Service (CHRP).
- Addition of Sick Pay to Consumer-Directed Attendant Supports and Services (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI, SLS).
- Language updates to performance measurements (BI, CES, CHCBS, CHRP, CLLI, CMHS, DD, EBD, SCI, SLS).
- Update Appendix J Projections and Unduplicated Counts (BI, CES, CHCBS, CHRP, CLLI, CMHS, DD, EBD, SCI, SLS).

For a more detailed summary of all changes, please go to the Department's website at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition> to view the full draft waivers and the amendment fact sheet. You may also obtain a paper or electronic copy by calling 303-866-3684 or by writing the Department at 1570 Grant St, Denver, CO 80203.

The public comment period is open for 30 days, from February 25, 2021 through March 26, 2021.

Comments should be submitted to the Department through the following routes:

- By Email: HCPF_LTSS.PUBLICCOMMENT@state.co.us
- By Phone: 303-866-3684
- By US Mail: Dept of Health Care Policy & Financing
1570 Grant St., Denver, CO
80203 Attention: HCBS Waiver Amendments
- By Fax: Attention HCBS Waiver Amendments 303-866-2786

Attachment(s):

None

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